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Title: PROPSHAFT ASSEMBLY WITH VIBRATION  
ATTENUATION AND ASSEMBLY METHOD  
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Prior to examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.**

**REMARKS**

Claims 8-25 are now pending in the application.

**CONCLUSION**

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.  
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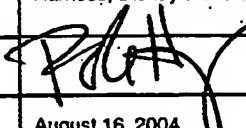
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